

Book of the Month Blog 23-24

Hello people/children! This my blog where I will post a review of the book I read each month, but please keep in mind that these are my opinions and I am a fragile potato so feel free to share your opinion in the comments but please be kind or I may cry, but it's also your grade so whatever just be appropriate or something thank you Auf Wiedersehen!

May [All the light we Cannot see](#)

April

March

My Post

Richard Adams's novel *Watership Down* illustrates the theme of friendship often leads to survival

Friendship led to survival when the rabbits placed their faith in Fiver and Hazel.

Hazel and the other rabbits leaving Sandelford are all following Fivers lead to safety (Adams 29). " Yes, Fiver the time has come we should go at once" as all the rabbits follow Rivers lead out of sandelford as all the rabbits gathered around Fiver and Hazel they placed their trust in them and were off to search for their new home. Placing your trust in someone is how a friendship can form and how a tight knit group can survive. The theme friendship often leads to survival is illustrated when Hazel trusted fiver enough to spread the word about the danger gathering both old friends and new who trusted Hazel and fiver to lead them to safety.

Friendship lead to survival when the rabbits gain trust in each other to save Bigwig
Bigwig wanted to become a high ranking owsla but he followed Fiver and Hazel to safety, finding friendship and safety (Adams 229). " Look, what's Bigwig up to? Drawing the fox away I suppose. As the others reached the top of the hill bigwing could be spotted racing across the field leading the fox away. The loyalty and friendship displayed by Bigwig can help other rabbits survive because he drew the fox away from the warren keeping them safe. Friendship helped all the rabbits come together and rescue their warren and friend, bigwig and if not for their team work both their warren and friend would have been lost.

Friendship led to survival when the rabbits worked together to fight general woundwort
Hazel Dandelion and Blackberry wanted to save the warren and to do so they made a plan to lure the dog toward General Woundwort and his troops (Adams 366-367). "Before I could do anything the dog had tipped his kennel over and Hazel lost his balance...I heard that nasty cat snarling and Hazel squealing and I wasn't the only one." Dandelion could hear Hazel squealing but had to make sure the plan was completed. The rabbits of the warren all dedicated their lives to the warren and their friendships within the warren, for example hazel was willing to die for the warren's future. Teamwork

and friendship helped the rabbits save the rabbits from the warren of Efrafa and start a new life in watership down. I would rate this book a 9.5/10 because the bok started a little slow and could be intense in some moments but I thought the book was unique and displayed interesting dynamics between characters. I also really enjoyed the art style in this book it was simple but easy to follow and the descriptions of the landscape were really enjoyable. I would recommend this book but the graphic novel can be a little graphic.

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Work Cited

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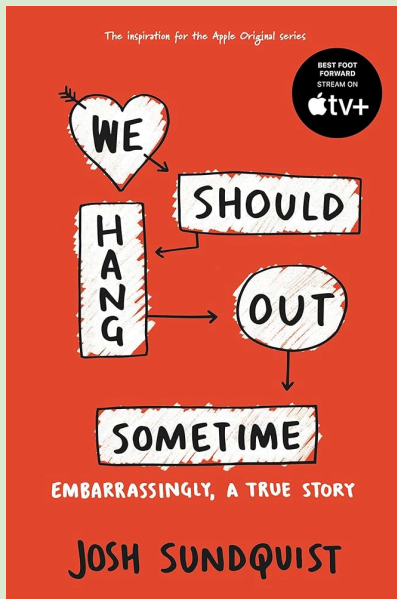
1 I learned that friendship leads to survival when you work together to accomplish your goals. I thought it was interesting how your quotes were very good and conveyed the message of the theme. I did want to know more about some of the words and have a bit more context as i have not read the book and could not understand some words. I definitely think I will read this book and look forward to it.

Nadya O. In this blog post I learned that there are multiple examples in this book that show that friendship can lead to survival. Something I wanted to know more about is why are the rabbits leaving Sandelford, and is there anything important to the story that they left behind? This is a book I would want to read because it sounds very suspenseful and the story sounds interesting to me.

Other things I read this month:

january

My Post	
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We should hang out sometime with Josh Sundquist. I

rated this book 7.5/10 and I would recommend this book to people who are looking for a unique book unlike others. After beating cancer and losing one of his legs Josh was homeschooled but desperately wanted to go to public school. Josh's parents were highly against the idea of public school, but they were eventually convinced to let him go to public school. When Josh arrived at public school he realized that he was categorized as uncool and so his journey began.

One thing I got out of this book is that understanding yourself and embracing your own way is important. Only after Josh accepted himself, he found someone. Another thing I got out of this book is when you act like yourself you will attract people that you like. Only after Josh began to be his true self did he realize who he actually needed to avoid.

This book is important because it teaches you to appreciate your true self and accept yourself. Also the book is generally entertaining. The book is important because it teaches readers perseverance and to keep trying their best until they accomplish their goal.

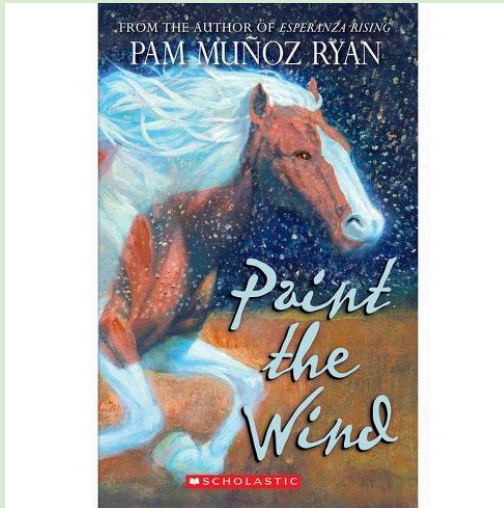
Partner 1

Partner 2

Other things I read this month:

November

My Post



Maya , a young girl living with her high society grandmother, always wanted to ride horses and be with her mother who passed away when she was a baby. But after her grandmother suffers from a stroke Maya is sent to live with her family in the wilds of wyoming. allowing her to follow her dreams of horses, family and freedom. Paint the Wind by Pam munoz ryan illustrates the theme, the power of choice can bring both good and bad.

The power of choice affected Maya in a good way by letting her choose to stay at the camp to be with her family and reconnect with her family's roots and her love for horses. Maya's grandmother never allowed her to be near horses yet all Maya ever wanted to do was ride." There was something hypnotic about being in the presence of a horse. Was her hand reaching for the rope or was it all a dream?" munoz ryan page 138.33 In that moment maya felt at peace and free. This moment was important because it led her to pursue her dream of riding.

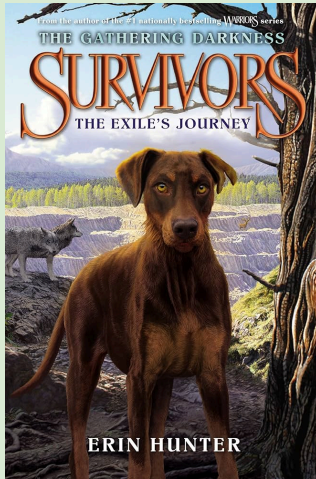
The power of choice leads Maya to a bad situation by allowing her to choose her own fate. After Maya's aunt leaves with her cousin after he knocks out a tooth to make a run to the dentist in town, Maya attempts to catch the wild horse, Artemisia, that her mother once rode. She takes her horse Seltzer to the plains chasing Artemisia when an earthquake strikes, leaving Maya stranded and injured for days on end.

Paint the Wind by Pam munoz ryan, "Seltzer paused, his eyes bulging. He reared and the Reins snapped from the bush. In a frenzied gallop he disappeared uphill. page 241 She landed on her back and felt her breath woosh from her body. page 242 Pain riddled her right foot and arm and her head throbbed. She opened her eyes but everything blurred. page 245. " this was important because his was when

	<p>maya became stranded in the wilderness alone and injured illustrating the theme that the power of choice affected maya in both good and bad ways</p> <p>I rate the book a 5.5 out of ten. The beginning was really captivating but the end seemed like a cliché. The climax was very slow and it seemed like a few other stories I have read before. I feel like the author could have added more. But overall the story was pretty captivating and rather enjoyable for a quick read.</p>
<p>Partner 1 Josie Ablin</p>	<p>I loved reading your blog! I would love to know if you think Maya's decision to catch Artemisia was all the way bad. Was this a bad choice in every situation, or just because of bad luck? Could her earlier decision to stay with her family also be a bad decision because it led to this happening?</p> <p>I would disagree with you when you said, "The beginning was really captivating but the end seemed like a cliché." While I do agree that the ending could be a cliché, I found the ending much more interesting than the beginning. I found the beginning just a little bland with nothing interesting. But, the ending felt much more complex.</p> <p>If you want another horse book by Pam Munoz Ryan I suggest <i>Riding Freedom</i>. It is about a girl who is raised in a boys orphanage. She loves to work with horses and wants to own her own ranch. But, because of the time period she lives in (mid-1800), she has to find a solution to achieve her dreams.</p> <p>I have already read <i>Paint the Wind</i>, (and was actually the one who suggested it to you) But I do like to reread this book often. I agree that it is a nice quick read, and I often find new things I didn't find before, so I would love to read it again.</p>
<p>Partner 2 Gemma Olson</p>	<p>From your blog, I learned that Maya strongly desired to ride a horse, though her grandmother didn't allow her to. I found Maya's eagerness to even see a horse very interesting because, according to my knowledge, she wasn't exposed to horses as her grandmother didn't allow her near one. While reading this, I was wondering how Maya's cousin knocked out a tooth and why didn't Maya go with them to the dentist? Based on what the book is about, I think I wouldn't want to read this because I enjoy books that are more immersed into worlds that couldn't exist. Even though I wouldn't read this book, I had a wonderful time reading your blog.</p>
<p>Other things I read this month:</p>	

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My Post



START HERE: Warning this blog contains spoilers!!!

Erin Hunter Survivors the Exiles Journey

Storm, a grown dog, desperately wants to be part of a pack, after being exiled from the wild pack after she was framed as the "bad dog" accused of murdering her packmates. But, after stumbling into wolf territory she befriends a wolf and discovers her long lost exiled pack mates Bella and Arrow. So, when she has a scare with the wolves Storm realizes who the bad dog is and sets out to find the wild pack and confront the bad dog and former friend.

Theme family is not defined by blood

rating 7 out of ten the plot seemed all over the place with some chapters more exciting than others the ending ended with a cliffhanger and seemed very slow and awkward towards the end.

I think people that enjoy action, suspense and mystery would enjoy this book/series because the characters are enjoyable and the plot is different and exciting.

warning some blood and gore

book math family + action + suspense = Survivors the Exiles Journey

one word pitch Trust

question pitch: do you have to be blood to be family?

Partner 1
Zoe
Kulesa

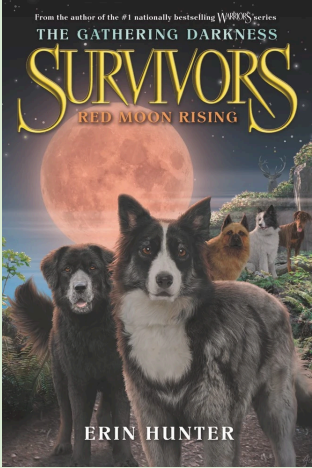
I thought your blog was very good. It was short and informed me of what I needed to know about the book, like how Storm was friends with a wolf and then set out to find the murderer. I also enjoyed how you wrote your blog so it was not telling too much and overloading the reader. I really liked your pitches too. They fit right into the blog. I was wondering what a "bad dog" means? One last thing, I definitely agree with your rating. I have read the series and they

	do have a feeling of drawing out the series.
Partner 2 Gemma Olson	I love how this blog was very well constructed. From your summary, I was specifically intrigued with how the 'bad dog' was Storm's former friend. I think that aspect of the book creates an interesting environment for the reader. Though, I would have wanted to be more informed on what the "scare with the wolves" was. I personally learned that you may not know the whole truth about someone you know. In the point of what the book was about, I learned that Storm was accused of being the 'bad dog' and was outcast, but soon finds out who the 'bad dog' really is. All in All, I personally wouldn't want to read this book because I am not very interested in the mystery genre. Nonetheless, you did a wonderful job summarizing "Survivors: The Exile's Journey".
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Partner 2	
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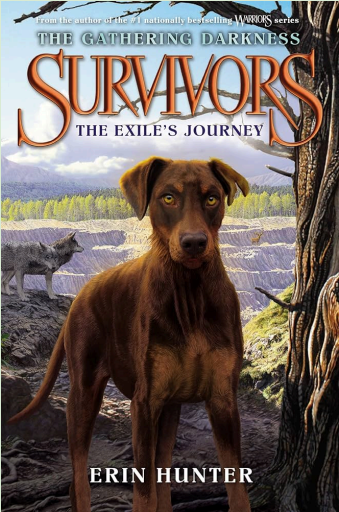
September

My Post	 <p>In <i>Survivors Red Moon Rising</i> by Erin Hunter, After 5 members of the pack leave the pack is spread thin leaving it venerable, Storm a young dog desperately wants to fit in but when there is a murderer in the pack the pack no longer trusts her or anyone, in her attempt to prove her innocence she must find the killer to regain their trust. People who like anything by erin hunter, suspense, action and mystery would love this book but there are some bloody instances..I rate it a 9/10 because i</p>
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	<p>really enjoyed it but it was slow in slow parts.</p> <p>Theme: often trust will keep the group safe</p> <p>One word pitch: togetherness</p> <p>Book math : action + dogs + mystery = <i>Survivors Red Moon Rising</i></p> <p>Question pitch: Can trust really be regained?</p>
Comment Partner 1	<p>I found this blog interesting because you mentioned a pack of dogs, with a murderer among them. I found this interesting because it added a bit of suspense, and made it more interesting, and made me want to read this book. I wanted to know more about why some dogs left the pack to begin with. This would definitely help me understand part of the main conflict of the book. If you haven't already read them, I would recommend the warrior books, because they are similar dealing with dilemmas with animals.</p>
Comment Josie A	<p>I thought the fact that there is already some tension in this pack of dogs because of the members who left, and now that there is also a murder to add to this build up the tension was quite interesting. I feel that there could be less reason to trust their pack depending how and when the dog was murdered, which could lead to unfair treatment in the book. I would love to know more on why the pack immediately thought it was the other pack mates fault for the murder. I agree, and would probably not enjoy the slow parts. For me I like when a book is captivating from beginning to end. I don't think I will read this book since I don't enjoy Erin Hunter's books that much. There are just so many books in their series and I get confused when reading them often.</p>
Comment Gemma	<p>I found Ava's wording intriguing, specifically when she stated, "the pack is spread thin." This gives me, as a reader, an image of the pack being very discombobulated following 5 members' absence. After reading Ava's blog, I was wondering, why does only Storm have to prove her innocence? I connected what the author of the blog wrote to me when I wanted to prove my innocence and show that my sister didn't follow through with her claims instead of me. I wouldn't necessarily be interested in reading this book, as I'm not very into animal based novels, but I thought Ava's review was well constructed and informative.</p>
Comment Jamison	<p>What I learned from your post is that there is a pack that is broken and untrusting of its members after 5 members went missing and there is a murder in the pack. I would like to know how this murder got loose and why the 5 pack members went missing. Also, I would like to know which book this is in the Survivor series so some of my questions can be answered right away. What I thought was interesting was that there had been an opportunity for a murderer to operate in a pack that seemed very close before the discovery of the murder was made. This seems like a book that I would like to read because I started to read the Survivors series but never finished and your blog has sparked my interest to read the series again. Also if you like Survivors then checkout Kathrine Lasky's Guardians of Gala-Hoole, Wolves of The Beyond, Bears of The Ice, and Horses of The Dawn series (Horses of The Dawn is a separate series). (All of the series are connected except Horses of The Dawn, so you need to read all of the others to fully understand the events in Bears of The Ice) Thank you for the wonderful blog post Ava!</p>

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<p>Partner 2</p>	
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